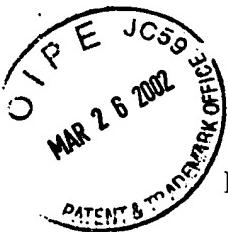


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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO ADD AN INVENTOR**

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Sir:

Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is the assignee of the instant application and owns 100% interest in the application. The documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owners to the assignee is recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office (Reel/Frame 9730/0372).

Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. hereby consents to amend the instant application to add Benjamin R. Yerxa as an inventor. The correct inventive entity is William Pendergast, Sammy R. Shaver, David J. Drutz, Janet L. Rideout and Benjamin R. Yerxa.

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